



March 5, 2026

The Honorable Assemblymember Patel
Chair, Assembly Committee on Education
1020 N Street, Room 159
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1569 (Davies) Pupil Safety.
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Introduced January 12, 2026)*

Dear Dr. Patel,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) is pleased to support **Assembly Bill 1569 (Davies)** which establishes a common-sense requirement that students complete an electric bicycle safety training program before being permitted to park an electric bicycle on school campuses.

Cities throughout California are experiencing a rapid increase in electric bicycle use among youth. While e-bikes provide a valuable mobility option for students traveling to and from school, their increased speed and power compared to traditional bicycles present new safety challenges for local streets, sidewalks, and school zones. Local governments are increasingly seeing collisions, near-misses, and unsafe riding behavior involving young riders who may not fully understand traffic laws, right-of-way rules, or the operational characteristics of electric bicycles.

AB 1569 provides a practical and preventative approach to improving safety. By requiring students to complete an electric bicycle safety and training program developed by the California Highway Patrol—or an equivalent course approved by local law enforcement—before parking an e-bike on campus, the bill ensures that young riders receive basic education on safe riding practices, traffic awareness, and responsible operation.

From a municipal perspective, this approach offers several important public safety benefits:

Improves safety on city streets and school corridors. Many student riders travel through neighborhood streets, bike lanes, and busy intersections during peak commute hours. Ensuring that students understand traffic rules and safe riding practices will help reduce collisions and dangerous behavior in areas heavily used by students traveling to and from school.

Supports local traffic safety efforts. Cities invest significant resources in improving roadway safety near schools through traffic calming, signage, bike lanes, and enforcement. AB 1569 complements these investments by ensuring riders themselves



are equipped with the knowledge necessary to safely navigate the transportation network.

Strengthens partnerships between schools and local law enforcement. One of Cal Cities top policy priority is to "Strengthen partnerships with the state to improve public safety" and this measure compliments policy by appropriately recognizing the role of local law enforcement in identifying relevant safety courses and supporting education efforts. This collaboration will help reinforce consistent safety messaging and community-based education.

Encourages responsible adoption of emerging mobility technology. Electric bicycles are becoming a permanent part of California's transportation landscape. Establishing safety expectations for young riders ensures that this technology can be integrated responsibly into communities while minimizing preventable accidents.

Importantly, AB 1569 also preserves local flexibility by allowing schools that have already adopted e-bike safety policies prior to January 1, 2027, to continue operating under those policies. This provision appropriately recognizes the proactive work already underway in some communities while establishing a baseline expectation for student safety statewide.

Cal Cities supports efforts to promote safety and reassert local authority when regulating emerging transportation technologies, such as e-bikes. By pairing growing student e-bike use with basic safety education, AB 1569 represents a balanced and proactive approach that will improve safety for riders, pedestrians, motorists, and entire communities.

For these reasons, Cal Cities respectfully request the committee support **AB 1569 (Davies)**. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at dconklin@calcities.org

Sincerely,

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